

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

Souphannouvong has not yet responded to Souvanna's cabinet list, but Souvanna expects to pass us his reply, which he believes will be favorable, tomorrow. If Souphannouvong does not accept, Souvanna says he will turn in his mandate. In either case he will report to the King in Vientiane.

[redacted] the Lao Ambassador in Bangkok claims Phoumi will be back in Vientiane before Souvanna returns.

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2. Military complete takeover of Burmese government

Rangoon is quiet and no opposition has appeared. U Nu and his cabinet were arrested; a few less important ministers have since been released. While a breakdown in relations between the central government and the constituent states appears to have precipitated the coup, long-standing army dissatisfaction with government inefficiency and lack of economic progress was at the root of it. Ne Win [redacted]

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[redacted] has reaffirmed Burma's neutralism, but in his previous stewardship leaned more to the West than U Nu has.

3. Moslem restraint in Algeria begins to break down under OAS provocation

While French troops have so far been able--with difficulty--to control Moslem mobs in Algiers and Oran, there is rising danger of retaliation against Europeans in the countryside. The rebel government negotiators have delayed their departure for the next round of talks until Tuesday at least, while they seek further reassurance that De Gaulle can hold the OAS in check. His ability to do so seems to us to be decreasing day by day.

4. South Korean Prime Minister Song [] security chief Kim Chong-pil

Junta leader Pak has so far backed Song in an effort to reduce Kim's growing power. In a showdown much dirty linen will be washed. 50X1 50X1

5. Ydigoras confirms plan to visit US

He has been invited by the mayor of Miami to appear at a ceremony there on 14 April; then he intends to come to Washington to address the OAS Council, call on the President, and address Congress. He apparently is trying to entangle the US in his claims to British Honduras. (Note: the rebellion in Guatemala finally seems to be dying out)

NOTES

- A. Two Soviet flights were [] carried out in the air corridors today. No incidents have been reported.

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- C. The Communist Chinese have postponed their National Peoples' Congress, presumably to see whether the Soviet Party Central Committee which meets Monday will have anything to say about them.
- D. The first meeting in Warsaw between Ambassador Cabot and Chinese Communist representative Wang contained no surprises.
- E. Sukarno has submitted his list of possible "third parties": the United States, Yugoslavia, India, Cambodia.
- F. Nehru has invited Ayub to visit Delhi in April; Ayub has not committed himself yet.
- G. Ayub has decided to take several small steps toward improving Pakistan's relations with the USSR. The idea is apparently to appease local neutralists and remind the US not to take him for granted.
- H. Japan has told our Embassy it has "no intention" of cutting trade with Cuba unless "virtually global sanctions" are adopted.

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J. King Saud has finally given in and decided to go home.

K. [REDACTED] Syria [REDACTED] is shopping for the same line of advanced weapons which the Soviets are giving to Egypt, Iraq, and Indonesia: jet medium bombers, MIG-21 supersonic fighters, and short-range tactical missiles. 50X1

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